

## City Council/Manager

**Apr 9, 2019 – 6:30 pm**

Council Conference Room  
Golden Valley City Hall  
7800 Golden Valley Road

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The meeting began at 6:32 pm in the Council Conference Room.

**Present:** Mayor Shep Harris, Council Members Joanie Clausen, Larry Fonnest, Gillian Rosenquist and Steve Schmidgall

**Staff present:** City Manager Cruikshank, City Attorney Cisneros, Physical Development Nevinski, Planning Manager Zimmerman and Senior Planner/Grant Writer Goellner

**1a. Commission Annual Report – Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report:**

Planning Commission Chair Baker presented the 2018 annual report and the projects proposed for 2019 and answered questions from Council. Council thanked the Commissioners for their service.

**1b. Commission Annual Report – Board of Zoning Appeals 2018 Annual Report:**

Senior Planner/Grant Writer Goellner presented the 2018 annual report and the projects proposed for 2019 and answered questions from Council. Planning Manager Zimmerman answered questions from Council. Council thanked the Commissioners for their service.

**2. Downtown Study Scope/Update**

Planning Manager Zimmerman presented the staff report and said the update would include feedback received during the City's 2040 Comp Plan process. He reviewed Phase I of the study and provided background information on the area referred to as the Golden Valley downtown which he defined as the area between Highway 55 and Winnetka Avenue. Mr. Zimmerman also provided information from the Urban Land Institute which used a panel of experts to examine the study area and to make recommendations for future development.

Mr. Zimmerman said staff has been working with a planning consulting firm to develop a scope of work that meets the City's needs in Phase II. He said the draft scope proposes to complete four main tasks (1) Understand Potential Changes Areas, (2) Explore Site Redevelopment Scenarios, (3) Seek Community Input, and (4) Prepare Preferred Site Concept. He answered questions from Council. City Manager Cruikshank and Senior Planner/Grant Writer Goellner answered questions from Council.

The Council discussed opportunities and issues with the current area uses, the possible future of the city campus, what projects have been done in the past and the needs for the future. Council consensus was to go forward with the future plan and apply for any grants that may be available.

**3. Residential Waste Collection Options and Decision**

Physical Development Director Nevinski presented the staff report and provided background on the 2018 goal the Council set to consider future residential waste collection practices. He said staff met with the local haulers and held a panel discussion for residents on the current waste collection methods. Mr. Nevinski summarized the Council's goals for waste collection and outlined three possible options the Council could choose which included (1) maintain status quo, (2) enhance licensing standards, or (3) pursue organized collection. He answered questions from Council.

There was Council discussion regarding the residential waste collection options presented, the League of Women's voter garbage hauling report, and the residential survey done in the past. Council thanked the League and staff for their reports.

The Council directed staff to retain the open hauler system but begin to modify the solid waste ordinance to enhance the City's standards and to limit the number of waste and recycling hauler licenses available in the City while the ordinance is being modified.

**4. 2018 Positive Performance-General Fund Transfer and Assignment of Fund Balance**

Finance Director Virnig reviewed the general fund balance and answered questions from Council. Ms. Virnig said staff recommends \$45,000 stay in the General Fund for the Downtown Study and the Inspection Department scanning project and to transfer \$1,494,000 into the 2019 Pavement Management Program. City Manager Cruikshank answered questions from Council.

The Council discussed the proposed general fund transfers and the consensus was to move forward with the recommendations.

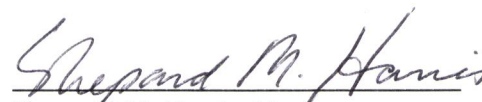
Ms. Virnig indicated that a resolution would be added to the next regular City Council meeting for formal consideration by the Council.

**5. Council Review of Future Draft Agenda: Housing and Redevelopment Authority April 16, City Council April 16, City Council May 7 and Council/Manager May 14, 2019**

No changes were submitted for future agendas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

  
Kristine A. Luedke, City Clerk

  
Shepard M. Harris, Mayor



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